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Russia's Bitter Experience.

General Kuropatkin's revelations about Russia's unpreparedness for the war with Japan convey a world of warning and instruction. Neither the army nor the navy was in condition, and the true situation, known to the soldiers and the sailors, had a depressing effect on the country's defenders. Officers lacked initiative and men lacked staying qualities. Defeat followed defeat, until at last a broad panic set in and the peace signed at Portsmouth saved all that was left of Russia's land forces. Her navy had all but entirely disappeared, such ships as had not gone to the bottom being in the hands of the enemy. The whole story reeked with crime, incompetency, and pusillanimity.

Whose the blame? It is widely distributed. Bureaucratic steals had for years been colossal. Money enough had been appropriated to equip millions of men in firstclass style and build hundreds of war ships according to the latest plans. But the greater part had not reassed the fingers of the officials who received it. They had put it to their own purposes, leaving the gov-

The ezar had been edifying peace societies talking disarmament. He had read some book on the subject and been greatly impressed by it, and forthwith had Some people smiled, and Japan, knowing what was going on in her part of the world, must have had moments of hilarity. If the czar was deceiving himself he was certainly not deceiving the alert

little men of Nippon. All this time the game of land grab was being planned and played by Russian statesmen certain to lead to war. It was impossible for Japan to permit the carrying out of such projects as were developing day after day right at her door. So that when the halt was called, the schemes of Russian statesmen which had led up to army and navy were unfit, and the czar, dreaming and talking of peace, was living in a fool's paradise. Japan, on the other hand, was prepared for the war she had foreseen, and entered it assured of victory.

Well, here are we, a nation among the nations; the whole world alive and everysquad of twenty-five thousand men, stop the growth of the navy, and set the country, after the fashion of the czar, to dreaming and talking of peace. Nobody wants war, and nobody should talk war but that we should be ready for it if it comes stands to reason from all experience, and particularly from Russia's recent experience.

Prison Reform in Washington.

Justice Stafford, in his speech at the Uni versity Club banquet in this city Saturday District which will awaken an approving spoke eloquently in behalf of a more humane treatment of accused persons who are now imprisoned with those convicted of a jail which was outgrown years penitentiary punishments for all classes of and deplored the lack of a prosystem and of the indeterminate as means to the end of saving wrongdoors from a further course of crime He urged the establishment here of a reformatory, to give a man a chance to do right without humiliating him by thrusting him into association with confirmed

Washington should have a model punitive system. It should be in the forefront of the march of progress in the vitally imporers who have been sentenced to spend more than a year under detention. Its must take what it can get in this Efforts to secure provision for a model reformatory-penitentiary in this District have always been thwarted by the economists, who measure such enterprises solely in terms of money cost and not in terms

Progressive Washington subscribes every one of Justice Stafford's propositions. It has with great delight witnessed the this jurisdiction. It sincerely hopes that as of the learned and convincing | red fire and red language tice Stafford has just given an effective sentiment in favor of the reforms he advocates will be engendered, to the end of early ac- the tariff discriminations which are dis-

Mr. Jerome may be tempted to slacken his efforts and allow Harry Thaw's lawyers to do the fighting among themselves.

Boni de Castellane always seems to have money enough to pay lawyers to look after his alimony interests

The Hughes Boom. The New York politicians are wondering whether Gov. Hughes will go at the head of the empire state delegation to the republican national convention. Some are of opinion that his presence might help his boom. Others are in doubt about the matter. The subject lends itself easily to inter-

It is hardly correct today to speak of a Hughes boom. In the sense that there is a Fairbanks, or a Taft, or a Foraker, or a There may be a Hughes boom. Some people confidently expect one. They see things which, in their opinion, are likely to take that shape. But as others read the situation the matter is as yet nebulous. It may disappear without taking any shape at all. The Hughes boom depends semewhat on the success achieved at Albany, and somewhat on developments elsewhere. If Gov.

very vigorous Hughes boom. Otherwisebut we shall see.

Let us assume a Hughes boom. Let us figure the governor of New York a national quantity of great force and promise when the republican national convention meets, and his nomination for President desired by his friends. Would his best interests be served by his presence in the nominating convention as a delegate? He is much of a stranger in the political field at home, and wholly a stranger in the national field. His friends would, of course, hurry delegates to his quarters, and be glad to show

their favorite. Mr. Cleveland did not attend the conven tion upon his first nomination. He could have gone as a delegate. He was the governor of New York, as Mr. Hughes now is; a stranger to the politicians as a class, as Mr. Hughes now is; the hope of some strong men in his party, as Mr. Hughes now is. The wiser men among his followshould not be addressed to any individual ers, however, opposed the suggestion of personal activity on his part, both before the convention and after. His place, they decided, was at Albany; and even when Mr. Blaine took the stump, and there was a demand in several sections that the democratic candidate show himself, the managers of Mr. Cleveland's campaign, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Manning, turned it down. They would not yield to such a thing.

If New York sits in the game with a candidate at the next republican national convention her interests should be in the hands of her best players; and it is not easy to see how the presence of her favorite on the field of so much delicate maneuvering would advance his chances of success.

Tom Watson No Prodigal:

Tom Watson of Georgia, having returned to the democratic party after a long sojourn with the populists, is meeting with glorious receptions from his old friends newly found. They are more than happy to have him once more "in their midst," and he is testifying to great pleasure at the change that has brought him home

This is not a case of a prodigal's return. The young man in the Scripture story left snug surroundings and came to grief in bad company. His tough experience after leaving the parental roof had much to do with bringing him to a realization of nis great mistake, and when he presented himself asking his father's forgiveness he was a ragged creature with an empty stomach and empty pockets. His condition moved his father profoundly, and hence the killing of the fatted calf.

When Mr. Watson left the democratic party he was an obscure young man with but small means. He was stocked with bounce and ginger, but unable to secure the leadership he sought and felt qualified for. The populists were then making a stir in certain sections, and the opportunity appealed to Mr. Watson. He changed his coat, and was soon one of the chief priests of the new dispensation. He thrived both in the field of politics and that of letters so-called, and acquired a national reputation. He also flourished financially, and war had nothing to support them. Russia's filled out the wrinkles in his pocketbook. Today he is in comfortable circumstances, the editor of a magazine bearing his own name, and generally in what is called

It is no ragged, hungry penitent therefore who has returned to the democracy, but a man with money in his purse and his name body stirring; cannon to the right, to the up. He asks nothing. He has much to left, and in front of us; land and sea cov- give. He is already making himself felt ered with great fighting machines; the fu- in his new-old surroundings. He was a ture uncertain; and yet there are men who factor in the state election in Georgia last would reduce the army to the old police | year, and assisted in the election of Hoke him in the national field stumping for the democratic candidate for President, and all What caused this latest change by Mr. Watson? He explains it himself. The democratic party under its later leadership had come so near to what Mr. Watson desired and had been fighting for as a populist he thought it best to give it his support again. It had survived the populist assault, and seemed so strong that it won him back to an allegiance from which he had never been entirely weaned. And he is probably back to stay.

Robert R. Hitt.

The House yesterday paid tribute to the memory of a man who for nearly a quarter of a century was one of its most useful and estimable members. Robert R. Hitt possessed all the qualities that go to make a model public servant-ability, industry, character, and patience in the collecting and sorting and digesting of details. He was not a man of words, though he spoke well; not a man for dress parade, though he appeared to advantage at all times. His work as chairman of the foreign affairs since 1895. His study of diplomacy was profound, and his equipment would have brought him distinction in that field in the office of Secretary of State, or in any ambassadorship abroad. He enjoyed the respect of both friend and foe, and was altogether an honor to his constituents and to the country.

The Two Hobsons.

There are two Hobsons. First of course Japan. He talks like a house afire, and those who fail to hear or read him are short Belfast, a broth of a boy, who has come over to warn us against Mr. Bryce, whose purpose of fighting Germany. Now if the lecture platform what a stunt they would receipts grow! It is the day of rapid firing, mouth; of big guns and long tongues; of

The natives who bolo Americans in the Philippines have not the slightest idea of cussed in this country as constituting their

The celebration of a great man's birthday is frequently made the occasion for uttering political sentiments which would never have indorsed.

It is expected that Russia will again call Witte into active service. He is not only a man of able statesmanship, but has rare

China is taking active and practical steps to eradicate the opium habit. There will be time enough to consider the yellow peril after it wakes up.

Paris has women cab drivers-just enough to create talk among tourists. Paris was ever a shrewd advertiser

men in the Wisconsin legislature are reported as in contest over the question of nemorializing Congress as to tariff revision. Why not leave the two senators to attend to the matter here themselves? Both are revisionists and both very capable men. Neither needs a prodding or a suggestion on the subject. Revision is coming. signally in office, and contests for dele- about limiting its scope. They want it to gates cause bitter feeling elsewhere among the followers of the men now leading in the presidential speculation, there may be a bout limiting its scope. They want it to doubtless, mourning the impossibility of starring the Thaw trial in the provinces up by Congress, in the spirit of action and after the close of its run in New York.

not mere discussion, the present inequalities of the Dingley law will be thoroughly exposed; and then it will be for men who have shown the power and the courage to go that far to go the full length required by the justice of the situation.

Clean the Streets. Now that the sun has done the work of snow removal, and brought the asphalt somebody at the District building to get busy and sweep the streets. They a deplorable condition, most of them having been untouched by the lation of dirt is in places so thick tha the combination of a little traffic and wind suffices to fill the air with a choking dust It needs no bacteriologist to remind us that this dust is dangerous. Especially in winter is it a menace to health, and the result of the dirty streets cannot fail to be a heavy crop of ailments of the respiratory organs. Had the snow been promptly removed after the thaw began, or at least piled into heaps to make room for the sweepers, the city's sanitary condition would today be infinitely better. The pres ent policy of street cleaning in winter, however, appears to be to rely as far as pos sible on the sun and the rain and the winds, without regard to the danger of infection. This may be due to congressional parsimony. If so it is to be hoped that the full measure of their responsibility for much of the prevailing sickness may be appreclated by the members of the two

There should be, and doubtless is, enough sense of propriety in the American reading public to effectively admonish a publication which prints offensive details, without excluding it from the mails.

Mayor Schmitz may yet come to believe that many questions of national importance could be settled much more promptly by keeping a San Francisco delegation in

The stenographers who have to take down every word of testimony in the Thaw cas are entitled to some sympathy.

his genial felicity for letting political and financial bygones be bygones. The placidity of Venezuela indicates that

Senator Platt must envy Senator Depew

Castro is still on the sick list.

SHOOTING STARS. A Gloomy Prediction.

"The trusts will yet be reformed," re marked the hopeful citizen. "No," answered Mr. Dustin Stax, "they may seem to be reformed, but they will merely be reorganized."

An Admirer of Shakespeare. "Do you think that Bacon really wrote the Shakespeare plays?'

"I don't see that the question is worth discussing," answered the busy theatrical manager. "There is no doubt that Shakespeare was the important and responsible man. Whether he wrote the plays or not, he managed the business.'

Human Perversity.

If life were all one grand, sweet song, As poets wish that it might be, A lot of men with voices strong Would still be singing off the key.

just arrived in Crimson Gulch, "that I

A Social Warning. "I think," said the young man who had

shall make a few informal calls."

"Stranger," said Bronco Bob earnestly "don't do it. Whether you're callin' raisin' or layin' down, take my advice and observe all the formalities of the game." A Guess at Long Range. Why did Diogenes carry a tub around

with him?" asked the studious youth. "I don't know." answered the young man who was trimming the fringe off his cuffs "Maybe the laundries were as destructive then as now, and he was tired of taking The Story of the Snow.

The snow came down

And in a night Across the town A garment white Was softly drawn

They let it lie. And many a germ Drew softly nigh To gayly squirm Within each pile._ And after while

With soot and grime 'Twas touched withal. It seemed in time A funeral pall-Which well might be

Where germs make free.

"Blood Thicker Than Water."

A notable incident of the international kind is what may be called the police help rendered by the American battleship Missouri at Kingston. It recalls the last occasion on which our American cousing manifested to us their inborn brotherhooddria they itched to do so, while impa-tiently restricting themselves to the role of spectators, but at the taking of the Taku forts in 1857 some of their gunboats ren-dered us substantial service in caring for our wounded, while shotting their guns for further emergencies. It was then that their a phrase which had been used long before both by Bailie Nicol Jarvie and Dandie Dinmont, and was afterward to be appro-priated by the present German kalser. But it is the special use of a phrase which makes it immortal.

Tariff Revision.

In spite of the determination of the par ty's leaders in Congress to suppress it, and President Roosevelt's studied apathy, the demand for immediate tariff revision continues to gain volume in the republican

Always Something Doing.

Whenever the row in the Senate begins to simmer down a bit, the government printing office may be trusted to cut loose with a fresh rumpus about nothing in particular.

Expensive Tips.

An anti-tipping law for Washington, D. C., is in process of manufacture. It is very defective in that it does not prohibit giving tips on the races.

Good Nature.

Tennessee's new senator, Bob Taylor, i expected to introduce in that body a va-riety of joke that will not require an ex-ecutive session and a public apology.

Has Troubles of Its Own. From the Chicago Record-Heraid.

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